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NOTICE.

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Colony should apply in person at the
General Police Station between the hours
of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.
7 days are required to Register them
selves under the REGISTRATION of
PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms
of Registration giving the particulars
required may be obtained at the G.P.O.
and at all Police Stations.
The Penalty for non compliance is a
fine not exceeding \$50.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
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WHICH ARE VICTIMS OF THE
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GENERAL Funds as at December 1914,
\$23,970,367.
Authorized Capital \$5,000,000.
Subscribed Capital \$4,500,000.
Paid-up Capital \$2,437,500
II—Fire Funds \$3,837,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds \$17,587,580
Banking Fund Account \$23,230
\$23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch \$2,381,456
Life and Annuity 2,141,583
Branches
Revenue Marine Department \$37,239
Other Receipts 473,940
\$25,339,223

The Accumulative Funds of the various
Branches are separately invested, and by
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WEEK DAY
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.45 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. Every quarter of
an hour.

NIGHT CARS
7.30 a.m. SUNDAY
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 12 midnight. Extra Car at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the
Company's Office, ALEXANDER BUILDINGS
Des Voeux Road Central.
Season and punch tickets available for
all cars not already full running at the
times stated in the Company's time tables.
General tickets will be issued until
otherwise, therefore, there will be issued in
Bank Notes, or by Cheques or Occupants order.

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Steam and Motor Vessels.

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9 p.m. (Sundays 1 p.m.).

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Further information may be obtained at the Company's Office, Hotel Mansions,
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Hongkong, April 11, 1912.



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TELEPHONE NO. 616.

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over thirty years experience. We own two Ships and can accommodate any
size of 500 ton barge.

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BUILDERS OF SHIPS & ENGINES.

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AGENTS—

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—TELEPHONE NO. 212—

—TELEGRAPHIC ADD.—

—TAKIPOCK

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS and the PUBLIC are hereby notified that Mr. E. C. SANDFORD, for many years Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Jockey Club having expressed his wish to be relieved from that office his resignation has been accepted.

Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS have been appointed Secretaries and Treasurers to the Club as from the 10th January instant.

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year are requested to make payment to Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS who are hereby authorised to collect all monies due to the Club and will in future disburse funds in settlement of accounts owing.

Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS will issue to Members and Members' Ladies Tickets of admission to the grand stand and enclosure and will be in charge of the sale of Admission Tickets for the general public which may be obtained as heretofore from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited, or at the gate on Race Day.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
Hongkong, Jan. 21, 1918.

INTIMATIONS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Honkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 9th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 10th to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENT CO. LTD.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

THEATRE ROYAL,

HONGKONG.

TWO GRAND CONCERTS

SATURDAY, 2nd
andTHURSDAY, 7th Feb.,
at 9.15 p.m.A. MIROVITCH
(PIANO).M. PIASTRO
(VIOLIN).BOOKING AT
MOURIE'S.PRICES:
\$3.00, \$2.00 & \$1.00.HELENA MAY
INSTITUTE.

CONCERT

Under the Patronage of

His Excellency The Governor,

WEDNESDAY, 30th January,

at 9.15 p.m.

TICKETS \$2 EACH

may be obtained at the Institute.

Proportion of Proceeds in Aid of

WAR CHARITIES.

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G. R.
SANTARY BOARD OFFICE,
HONGKONG.TO THE
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 3 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAW (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria, and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon, occupied by means of more than one family, except those within the European Reservations or in Kowloon, the South of Austin Road, or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this Notice means that the Houses should be Limewashed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cupboards, Partition Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and Indoors of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its Containing Walls Limewashed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be Limewashed, but must be Cleaned.

The CENTRAL Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East, and Taik Long and Cleverly Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Nathan Road and a straight line drawn from the South end through the Fa Yuen service reservoir to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

O. M. W. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

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UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. DOWDELL & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, the 6th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st January to 5th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.

DOWDELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st January to 5th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.

DOWDELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

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DOWDELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.


Hughes & Hough
AUCTIONEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

General Auctioneers
Share, Coal and General Produce
Brokers and Commission
Agents.

PROPRIETORS
"To-Kwa-Wan" Coal Storage.
Codes used
Bentley's
A. B. C. 4th & 6th Editions
A 1 Telegraphic Code.

Telegraphic Address
"HUGHES" HONGKONG.

S.S. "HONGKONG."

THE UNDERSIGNED beg to notify the proposed sale by private Tender of the Hull of the above-named Steamer as the now lies stranded on the East Point of NAUCHAU ISLAND, about twenty-five miles from Kwan Chau Wan.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF TENDER.

- The vessel is offered for sale as she now lies, with her Engine, Boilers, Anchors and Chains and such other equipment as may be on board, (but no cargo is to be considered in the Tender).
- The vessel is now guarded by the French authorities.
- All Tenders should reach the Office of the Undersigned on or before Noon SATURDAY, the 6th February, 1918.
- A Deposit must accompany each Tender, the amount of which may be learned at this Office, said Deposit will be returned in case of non-acceptance of Tender.
- The Vendors do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender. Further particulars regarding the conditions of sale, and a list of fittings and fixtures to be sold with the ship, can be obtained on application from the Undersigned.
- For and on account of the Concerned.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Hongkong, Jan. 9, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

TUESDAY,

the 29th January, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A CONSIGNMENT OF

HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.,
Comprising:—
Singles and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Bed Quilts, Table Cloths, Pure Linen Damask Serviettes, Bath Sheets, Bath Towels, Turkish Towels, &c., &c.

Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

TUESDAY,

the 29th January, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, PICTURES, &c., AND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD GOODS, As follows:—

Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Chesterfield Sofas, Card Tables, &c., Bedroom Furniture comprising Double and Single Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads, and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desk and Writing Tables, Sundry Electro-Plated Ware, Electric Heating Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screen, Blackwood Furniture, including Large 4-fold Blackwood Screen with 6-coloured Panels, Side Tables, &c., Engravings, Pictures, &c., Tennis Posts and Net, Iron Safe, &c.

Carpet, Brass Venders, a few lots Fire Brasses, &c.

Two PIANOS.

Full Particulars from Catalogues.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH

AUCTION.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. Doo CHUNG KEE, to sell by Public Auction,

on

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd February, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m. each day, at his premises "The Old Post Office Building" Queen's Road Central,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CHINESE PORCELAINS, KAKEMONOS, CURIOS, &c., &c.

Comprising:—

A large variety of 5-coloured and 3-coloured Vases and Plates, Blue and White Vases and Figures, &c., Old Bronzes, including Incense Burners of the Sung and Ming Dynasties, Pekinese Cloisonne, Amber and Jadestone Ornaments, Beads, Carved Bamboo Ware, Kakemonos and Wall Hangings, Jadestone Charms, Ivory Carvings, &c., &c., and a large number of Old Snuff Bottles, &c.

Fine Jadestone Inlaid Screens, Plaques, &c.

The greater portion of the above stock has recently arrived from the North and includes pieces from the Ming, Kanghi, Yungching, Kienlung and Tewkong Periods.

(Full Particulars from Catalogues). On view from Thursday, 31st inst., at 3 p.m.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1918.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE

TUSCULUM, Barker Road, 1st. Fls.
Apply—DUNCAN CLARK,
Lane, Crawford & Co.
Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1918.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

MOTOR YACHT

Built 1916, had very little usage, Hull ... Teakwood Length; water-line 29' 9" over all 32' Beam ... Draft ... Motor "Scripps", Heavy duty 14 H. P. Complete with Lavatory, Refrigerator, a Suit of Sails and all Accessories.

Price and full particulars may be had from the Undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Jan. 9, 1918.

TO LET

TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE at Mount Davis, Pokfulam Road, for February, March and April. Rent moderate.

Apply—

H. E. GOLDSMITH, P. W. D.

Hongkong, Jan. 14, 1918.

TO LET.

OFFICES in York Building.

HOUSES on Shumshui, Canton.

Apply—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST.

MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE ENTRY, four very desirable SHOPS situated in Ice House Street, opposite the Grand Hotel, recently reconstructed.

For rent and other particulars apply to the Manager, Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd. 46 Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, August 2, 1917.

TO LET.

A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Four roomed houses in Kowloon.

Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANC.

CO., LTD.

Alexander Building.

Hongkong, August 22, 1917.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

Hold under the Auspices of the V.R.C.

Preliminary games 25 up.

Semi-Finals 500 up.

Final 1,000 up.

Winner of the Competition to meet

Sergt. W. Pitt, holder of the title in a game of 1,000 up.

All games to be played at the V.R.C.

Entrance Fee \$2.00.

Three Prizes for the Winner of

Competition, the Burner Up and the Highest Break.

Entries close 31st January, 1918.

H. C. WIXCHELL.

Hon. Secy. V.R.C.

Two PIANOS.

Full Particulars from Catalogues.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH

Hongkong, Jan. 28, 1918.

THE WAR.

(Continued from Page 5.)

SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Rauter's Service to the China Mail.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON WAR AIMS.

REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON'S 14 CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Count Hartling (the German

Chancellor) in the speech in the Main

Committee of the Reichstag (part of

which was reported in Saturday night's

"China Mail") dealt with the fourteen

points of President Wilson's speech

which were cableed on January 1st, and

are reproduced now with the additional

of Count Hartling's replies:—

(1) Open conventions of peace,

openly arrived at, after which there

shall be no private international under-

standings of any kind but diplomacy

shall always proceed frankly and in

public view.

We are ready to accept this proposal.

(2) Absolute freedom of navigation

of the seas outside territorial waters,

like in peace or war, except as the seas

may be closed wholly or partly by in-

ternational action for the enforcement

of international covenants.

We are in thorough accord with this

President Wilson's demands as his

second point the freedom of the seas.

One of our main future demands is

complete freedom of navigation in war

and peace. There is no difference here

between us and President Wilson, but

it is eminently important for the future

freedom of navigation that England

shall relinquish strong fortified points

on important international sailing routes

like Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Hongkong

and the Falklands.

(3) The removal, as far as possible,

of all economic barriers and the estab-

lishment of equality of trade conditions

among all the peoples consenting to the

peace and associating for its mainten-

ance. (Count Hartling does not reply to

this point.)

(4) That adequate guarantees be

given and taken that international ar-

rangements be reduced to the lowest

consistent with domestic safety.

As we have already declared, the

idea of restriction of military prepara-

tion is quite open to discussion. The

financial position of all European coun-

tries after the war will probably work

most effectively for a satisfactory solu-

tion of this question.

(5) Free, open-minded and absolute

impartial adjustment of all colonial

claims based on the strict observance

We have just received
a consignment of
LOWNEY'S
CHOCOLATES
in fancy boxes.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Telephone No. 16.

To-day's Advertisement

WANTED.

COMPETENT BRITISH BOOK-KEEPER required. Apply, stating experience and giving copies of testimonials. Good salary to capable man.

Box No. 1203.

C/o CHINA MAIL LTD.

Hongkong Jan. 25, 1918.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of St. George's Society.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

Company Meetings.—

11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co.
11.45 a.m.—Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.

12.30 p.m.—Hongkong Land Investment Co.

1.15 p.m.—Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture &c. at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's.

6.15 p.m.—First performance of Horace Goldin at Victoria Theatre.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30.—

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Helena May Institute.

THURSDAY, Jan. 31.—

Noon—Prize-giving at the Diocesan School.

FRIDAY, Feb. 1.—

Noon—Prize-giving at Bellio's Public School.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, Curios &c. by Hughes & Hough, at Old Post Office Building.

SATURDAY, Feb. 2.—

3.15 p.m.—Formal opening of Tytan Tuk Reservoir.

3.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirovitch and M. Pasticci.

MONDAY, Feb. 4.—

12 noon—Prize-giving at Ellis' Kadoorie School.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5.—

11.30 a.m.—Union Waterboat Co. Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6.—

Prize-giving at Queen's College.

THURSDAY, Feb. 7.—

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirovitch and M. Pasticci.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—

11.30 a.m.—Humphreys Estate & Finance Co. Annual Meeting.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—

Chinese New Year.

MONDAY, Feb. 12.—

Hongkong Jockey Club Races.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13.—

Second day of Races.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.—

Third day of Races.

THE "CHINA MAIL"

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Rate of subscription to "The China Mail" is \$28 per annum; per quarter and per month \$2 per rate.

The "China Mail" is delivered free to subscribers in Hongkong and Kowloon.

Postage is charged at the rate of fifty cents per month.

Orders for single copies of the "China Mail" should be sent as soon as possible as the supply is limited. Cash 10 cent. Credit 25 cent. copy.

Rate of subscription to the "Overland China Mail" is \$12 per annum; postage \$1 per annum extra. Single copies twenty cents each.

Alterations and additions to advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 6, and 7 should be sent to the Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, not later than 11.30 a.m.

Alterations and additions to advertisements on pages 1, 4, 5 and 8 should be sent not later than 1 p.m.

New advertisements should be sent, if before 3 p.m.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Telephone Address: Main, Hongkong.

Telephone No. 21.

The "China Mail" is a weekly entertainment in itself.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Coal in Tokyo is now 40 yen a ton.

THE MAGISTRACY.

ILLEGIT OPiUM.

A Chinese woman was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with being in unlawful possession of nineteen taels of prepared opium other than Government opium.

Revenue Inspector Lanigan said the opium was found concealed in a waistcoat, specially made which the defendant was wearing.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said she bought the opium in Annan. A fine of \$1,000 with the alternative of six months' hard labour was imposed.

Another woman was charged with the possession of twenty taels of illicit opium. Defendant, pleading guilty, said that while on the voyage from Annan, a man offered her \$20 to convey the opiumabora in Hongkong.

A similar fine was imposed.

CAUGHT COMMITTING A BURGLARY.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with committing burglary at No. 41 Lower Lascar Row early this morning.

It was stated that the defendant effected an entrance into the house by pushing back the bolt of the door. He entered the room and stole a suit of clothes and a watch, total value \$13.50.

In going out of the room, he blundered against the door. The noise awakened the complainant who arrested him. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

CAME TO HONGKONG TO BEG.

Nine Chinese were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with being stowaways on board the ss. *Kinmen* from Canton.

Acting-Inspector Davitt said none of the defendants had enough money to pay their fares to Hongkong, and they all came down with the express purpose of begging. The purser of the steamer had told him that two or three beggars were often found stowed away on board, but generally he had let them go.

The body of a Chinese detective 184, Wong Kan, was sent to the Public Mortuary yesterday. It was stated that when the man came of duty last night he told his wife that he felt very cold. The doctor was sent for but the man died immediately after he returned home. This is probably a case of heart disease.

In our report of the proceedings at the Magistracy on Saturday when the magistrate discharged Sepper Bloemhof who had been in custody in connection with the murder of Sergeant Johnstone, Mr. King's statement to the Court should read: "The events on (not "before") last Tuesday presented new possibilities" &c.

"OUR LITTLE BIT" SOCIETY.

The above Society has to-day sent to Messrs. Shaw, Tones & Co. two cases of war comforts as below to be forwarded to the Hon. Superintendent, Red Cross Depot, No. 2 Shed, Alexandra Dock, Bombay.—720 rolled bandages, 89 flannel vests, 122 suits pyjamas, 10 pairs stretcher boots, 30 sleeveless sweaters, 50 pairs socks, 52 pairs mittens, 30 milk covers, 33 mufflers, 64 white woolen capes, 2 quilts, 2 pillows and 1 lot magazines.

Sent to Capt. Cassel for distribution to local troops.—200 woolen mufflers.

THE MILLION DOLLAR OPIUM CASE.

After 122 days' hearing in Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, and many days' discussion in chambers, the case known as the Opium Case, in which the Official Receiver brought an action against Li Hysam and Ms. Chi Leung, finished this afternoon. Mr. F. C. Jenkins was the last Counsel to address the Court.

Judgment has been reserved.

The case has been the longest ever known in the Colony.

THE INIMITABLE GOLDIN AT VICTORIA THEATRE TO-MORROW.

Horace Goldin and his company are to open at the Victoria Theatre tomorrow for five days only. This famous illusionist is the master modern magician. He performs his tricks with such remarkable cleverly that he has been termed "The Whirlwind Illusionist." One of his latest masterpieces is to make a piano disappear off the stage because the lady playing it had struck a discordant chord, and in his anger the magician causes the lady to disappear also. The greatest creation, though, is his "Moorish Mystery." Goldin in Morocco, a brilliant spotsular pantomime display. The whole illusion is performed amid a scene of Oriental splendour never before attempted by a magician here. Auxiliary necessary to the successful presentation of Mr. Goldin's act, and he is supported by Miss Babington, an amazing dancer, and a brilliant acrobat. Goldin's show is a night entertainment.

SPORTING.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

In this match, played on Saturday afternoon, onlookers were treated to some very exciting cricket. Kowloon went to the wicket first and after four men had been dismissed for 75, Stalker was joined by Robinson and nearly one hundred runs were put on during the combination. Stalker punished the bowling whilst Robinson gave him as much of it as possible, taking an occasional boundary for himself. The Indians finished by 100 runs to 75.

Revenue Inspector Lanigan said the opium was found concealed in a waistcoat, specially made which the defendant was wearing.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said she bought the opium in Annan.

A fine of \$1,000 with the alternative of six months' hard labour was imposed.

Another woman was charged with the possession of twenty taels of illicit opium. Defendant, pleading guilty, said that while on the voyage from Annan, a man offered her \$20 to convey the opiumabora in Hongkong.

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AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

A CONGRESS OF COSSACKS.

WAR ON GENERAL KALEDIN.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

A wireless message from Russia says that a Congress of Cossacks from the Front was inaugurated at Kamenets on the 23rd inst., at which twenty-three regiments and five batteries were represented and also all the participants in the Voronezh Conference which has been labouring for Cossackdom.

General Kaledin ordered the dissolution of the Congress and the arrest of its organisers.

The Congress unanimously passed a resolution of war on General Kaledin, relegating to itself all authority on the Don. They also sent out detachments for the purpose of capturing Likhach and Zavorev and arrested eighteen superior officers.

The Cossacks are fired with enthusiasm. They are striving to end Kaledin, with the assistance of the army of the Workmen's and Peasants' Government, with the object of destroying the bourgeoisie of Russia on the Don and leading to the victory of the great Revolution.

THE CONGRESS OF SOVIETS.

SCOTSMAN ELECTED HONORARY PRESIDENT.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 27.

The Congress of Soviets has elected a Glasgow man named Maclean as honorary President. The Congress of Peasants' Ministers, including Sir John Jordan, were dissolved and its Executive arrested.

SEPARATE PEACE WITH UKRAINE NOT ASSURED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 26.

A semi-official note denies the Austro-German assertions that a separate peace with Ukraine is assured. It says that these are intended to appease the Central Powers' proletariat by a promise of a relief of the food shortage, and declares that the masses of Ukraine will never consent to such an agreement.

M. TROTZKY'S REMEDY FOR SALVATION.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 25.

M. Trotzky, addressing the Pan-Russian Congress of the Soviets, said that the presence of foreign comrades symbolised a general revolt against the ancient capitalist system of Europe and America. Universal suffrage was obsolete and a dictatorship of the proletariat was the sole salvation.

ROMANIA AND RUSSIA.

TEMPORARY OCCUPATION OF RUSSIAN TERRITORY.

ODESSA, Jan. 27.

Four Romanian Senators and officers arrested here on a charge of espionage have been released at the instance of the Allied Councils.

It is announced that the Romanian Government has been forced for self-protection to temporarily occupy certain points in Russian territory.

ROMANIAN TROOPS SURROUND KISHINEFF.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 27.

It is reported that Romanian troops have surrounded Kishineff and are fighting heavily with Bolshevik troops.

FINNISH HOOLIGANS.

BRITISH PROTEST.

HELSINKI, Jan. 26.

The British Consul has protested to the Senate against acts of violence and robberies against British subjects in Finland.

The Senate has sent an ultimatum to the Russian Government to cease supplying arms to Finnish hooligans who are committing excesses against Russian soldiers. Otherwise, a state of war will be proclaimed immediately.

THE FRICTION BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

GERMANY DISPLEASED WITH AUSTRIAN PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Various incidents of the last few weeks have added to the fuel of the long-standing friction between Germany and Austria. The free Austrian comments on German affairs, the promises given by Count Czernin to the Socialists and the generally conciliatory tone of Count Czernin's speech of yesterday has displeased those German governing circles which command the newspapers, consequently German Press comment has been singularly sharp and disagreeable. On the other hand Austria's anxiety for peace in unquestionable. Austrian Liberal-Socialist opinion, which is powerful, resents the arrogant tone and uncompromising attitude of Germany, which makes negotiation impossible and only strengthens the determination of the Allies to prosecute the war.

MEETINGS PROHIBITED IN STUTTGART.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 27.

In consequence of disturbances at the meetings of the Fatherland Party, the Commander of the Wurtemberg Army Corps has prohibited public meetings in the Stuttgart districts.

BARCELONA UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

MADRID, Jan. 22.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the province of Barcelona, owing to a grave development of the disorders.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company's report on the silver market says that the tone of the market is not robust. It has doubtless been influenced sympathetically by easier exchange rates from Shanghai. Dealers in New York have shown less confidence and supplies are coming from there somewhat freely. The trade and continental demand has lessened and consequently the price has fallen rather substantially. The Indian silver holding has been further reduced.

LONDON, Jan. 23.

The silver market is quiet.

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CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

PRESIDENT LEAVES THE CAPITAL.

PROPOSES TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION HIMSELF.

[*Chinese Mail* Service.]

PEKING, Jan. 27.

The President left Peking last night by special train at 8.30, accompanied by a bodyguard of 1,500 soldiers with four machine-guns and also 200 boxes of ammunition. The Cabinet Ministers and the Foreign Ministers, including Sir John Jordan, were at the station to see the President off.

On arrival at Tientsin the President and Tsin Man Lit proceeded to the Tschun's yamen whilst the President's retinue, consisting of 150 persons, remained on the train.

Yesterday afternoon the President held a hurried reception of the members of the National Council, at Waiyantang.

Speaking at the reception the President said:—"My departure south to Tientsin, Tsingtau and Nanking is most important for the solution of the political problem and my return, within one week, will bring with it the decision between peace and war. My earnest expectation is that you will dispel party feeling and arrange, as early as possible, for a formal Parliament in order that no excuse shall be given to the South."

"In all classes written work was examined and found to be very good throughout. It was found that weak points to which attention had been drawn at the last inspection have been carefully attended to, with satisfactory results."

"I find that, as in previous years, all exercise books are regularly corrected by the Masters and then inspected by the Director or Sub-Director. Test examinations have entailed a very heavy expenditure which our resources are quite inadequate to cover. Necessity compelled us to appeal to the generosity and charity of the parents of our pupils and the friends of the College. In response to my appeal the parents have willingly consented to pay \$1. extra per month. The Government has awarded a Building Grant of \$3,000. I avail myself of this occasion to record the magnificent donation of \$12,000 by the widow and sons of the late Mr. Li Shek Pang who was one of the students of the College after its foundation in 1875. On behalf of the College I beg Mrs. Li Shek Pang and her sons to accept my heartfelt thanks. A memorial tablet will be erected commemorating their generosity and this hall will be known as Li Shek Pang Hall. A gold medal will also be awarded yearly to the first boy in classical Chinese at the Matriculation Examination. To the other benefactor I extend my sincere thanks. The names of all those who have given over \$100 will be engraved on marble tablets in remembrance of their charity. We did not expect to have to meet an extraordinary expenditure of over \$70,000 in less than a year; hence, notwithstanding the liberal gifts we have already received, we shall have to continue to knock at the door of our kind friends and of the well-wishers of the College to pay off the debts incurred."

"In Class SA there is again an improvement in discipline, and also in the work of the class generally. This class is, I consider, one of special difficulty, and the Brother who has taught the class for some 15 years deserves every praise. Special mention must be made of the Drawing in many of the classes where it is encouraged by the Masters. In Class 4A the Crayon Drawing is very good; and in Class 4B Drawing is particularly well taught, on intelligent methods. In Reading and Conversation constant efforts are required to be devoted to pronunciation which, though good, is in many cases capable of improvement."

Six candidates passed the Matriculation and three the Senior Local Examination of the University of Hongkong; 24 passed the Junior Local, making a total of 33. Noel Brug obtained distinction in English, E. Aubrey and R. Vabois in drawing. The percentage of passes was 50 in the Matriculation and Senior Examination, and 85 in the Junior. Thirty-one candidates entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local; the results are not yet known.

I believe the public examinations have their value. Although the results of the Matriculation and Senior Local are on the whole satisfactory, I shall not be satisfied unless our Senior candidates do much better this year and attain a record of over 50 per cent. as in 1915 and 1916.

The President concluded his speech by saying that he felt an early peace was possible.

Yesterday, Chang Wei Chi and Tsao Kun telegraphed requesting the President not to leave Peking. Tsao Kun stated that there was no necessity for the President personally leading troops. If the President issued a mandate declaring war within three hours Tsao Kun would proceed, otherwise he would be willing to submit to Court Martial.

The President replied that his decision was final and that he would talk to Tsao Kun at Tientsin.

The President has sent a circular telegram to the provinces stating briefly that he is proceeding to the South on a tour of inspection.

An interview given out by persons associated with the President states that the President at the longest will be away from the Capital three weeks by which time he expects peace will be concluded. Otherwise the President will himself lead troops to Wuchang. In that event the date of his return to the Capital is uncertain.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

St. Joseph's College held its annual prize distribution in the College hall of the new building last Saturday, the Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., presiding over a large gathering of parents and friends of the students.

The proceedings opened up with a concert by the students, all the items submitted being excellently performed and received with applause.

Mention must be made of the substantial little building supplied by the Hongkong Chess Club for competition among the schools of the Colony.

The want of class-room accommodation had been felt for many years. We had but eight suitable

class-rooms and we needed 15. This

long-felt want. Commenced in

September 1916, it was completed in

October 1917, when 300 pupils were

transferred to the eight bright and comfortable class-rooms in the first

and second floors. This recreation

hall which forms the ground-floor is

always available for assembling the

boys, and for sheltering them in hot

or wet weather. To Mr. Little, who

designed and supervised the build-

ing, and to Mr. J. Chapman for his

assistance as the director of works,

I tender my best thanks. The work

has been done in a very satisfactory

way.

The College Branch School in

Hongkong for the convenience of the

younger European children was opened

on the 8th September last, and

is attended by 65 young pupils.

I wish I had nothing else to re-

cord. Unfortunately the unexpected

happened. On the 18th July last,

the retaining wall which supported

the play-ground collapsed, causing

the death of six persons and material

damage to our good neighbours. A

solid wall was being built according to

the plan and under the supervision

of Mr. F. R. J. Adams. Those im-

provements and that sad accident

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It now remains for me to thank

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 1918.

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SCOTTISH LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Nov. 27.

SINGAPORE OFFICER DECORATED.

Lieut. Arthur Thomas, Seaforth

Highlanders, son of Mrs. J. Thomas,

Hermonhill, Dundee, has been

awarded the Military Cross for dis-

tinguished conduct on the field.

Lieut. Thomas, who is a former

member of the Dundee Advertiser

literary staff, came home in 1915

from Singapore, where he held a

journalistic appointment, and re-

ceived a commission in the Sea-

forths. Previously he was a mem-

ber of the Volunteer Force at Singa-

pore, and took part in the suppression

of the mutiny which broke out among

some Indian troops on the island

early in the war. Lieut. Thomas

went to the Front at the beginning of

this year, and has gone through a

considerable amount of heavy fight-

ing. Two of his brothers are at pre-

sent serving in the Army; one was

recently discharged for health rea-

sons; while a fourth is in the mer-

cantile marine.

A SCOT IN PETROGRAD.

What is Sir George Buchanan's

position in Petrograd? Is he safe

among the whirl of Revolution? All

we know for certain is that he will

face whatever comes that befalls him

with courage, with calmness, with

spirit and resources. He is a brave

man, a clever man, a devoted patriot,

and he early learned to play golf,

which, as we know, is a useful train-

ing for such as have to face things.

Sir George is younger of the two

brothers of Sir Eric Buchanan, third

Baronet of Dunburn, and of Cring-

Castle, Shropshire, and has been in

the Diplomatic Service since he was

twenty-two. What he does

not know about European affairs can

hardly be called knowledge, for he

has been at Sofia, Luxembourg,

Vienna, Berna, Darmstadt, Rome,

and Berlin.

A FORTUNE FROM TEA.

The late Mr. Thomas Henderson,

Ardgry, Dounre, Perthshire, and Lan-

caster Crescent, Glasgow, has left

SINGAPORE in January, 1916, was a

frequent contributor of poetry to the

London periodicals. A number of

these poems have now been publish-

ed with a Memoir, and in one of the

letters quoted he told his mother.

Sometimes back in billets I hate

the men—their petty crimes, their

continual bad language with no

variety of expression, their stubborn

moods. But in a difficult time they

show up splendidly. Laughing in

joking in water, I'd "demonstrat-

e" into Hell with some of them

and not care.

Yet under heavy shell fire it was

curious to look into their eyes—some

of them little fellows from ships,

civilians before, now and after; you

perceived a wide, rather frightened

pitiful wonder in their eyes, a

patient look turned towards you, say-

not "What the blanket, blanket

is this?" but "Is this quite fair?

We cannot move, we are little

animals. Is it quite necessary to

make such infernally large explosive

shells to kill such infernally small and

feeble animals as ourselves?

I quite agreed with them, but had

to put my eyelash in my eye

and make jokes; and, looking back,

I blush to think of the damnable bad

jokes I did make."

THE HELGOLAND SCRAP.

The return of the British light-force

to a home port after the scarp in

Helgoland Bight was a stirring

spectacle. It would not be giving

anything away to say that home

part—the Germans must know all

about it—but it is well to be on

the safe side of the Censor. The light

fleet steamed up silent and grim

battle-scared, but in perfect formation.

As they passed the anchored

ships, each ship's crew, black from

coaling, raised tremendous cheers

which carried over the sea to the

shore, and were huzzed about in half

a gale. But the victorious fighting

force was absolutely silent. The ha-

coloured paint, the marks of shell

shells, the muzzles of the uncovered

guns, yellow and brown and burnt

sienna; told their tale. The once

experienced and unforgettable smell

of scorched paint and burned expli-

sives was carried along to us over the

wind. And a most heeling over in

a little, a slight drag in the water; the

suggestion of a limp, spoke of the

contests.

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